

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. - 20. (Cancelled)

--21. (Currently Amended) A laminating apparatus for laminating with protecting film a hologram recording medium on which a holographic ~~stereogram~~ image ~~or a hologram image~~ is exposed and recorded ~~[[to]]~~, the apparatus comprising:

retaining means for retaining ~~plural~~ a plurality of pieces of said protecting film;

supplying means for supplying one by one said ~~plural~~ plurality of pieces of said protecting film retained by said film retaining means and being folded in two;

film opening and closing means for one of opening ~~[[or]]~~ and folding, along a folding line, a single sheet of said protecting film ~~supplied and~~ film being folded in two; and

heat and pressure-bonding means for heating and pressure-bonding said protecting film folded along said folding line ~~into an original status~~ by said film opening and closing means, wherein ~~at least~~ said hologram recording medium is sandwiched by said protecting film.

--22. (Original) The laminating apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:

transferring means for transferring a piece of said hologram recording medium onto a single sheet of said protecting film opened by said film opening and closing means along a folding line.

--23. (Currently Amended) The laminating apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:

retaining means for retaining ~~plural~~ a plurality of mounting sheets ~~of mounting~~; and

mounting supplying means for supplying one by one said ~~plural plurality of mounting~~ sheets ~~of said mounting~~ retained by said retaining means onto a single sheet of said protecting film opening along said folding line by said film opening and closing means[[]], wherein

said heating and pressure-bonding means heats and pressure-bonds said protecting film folded ~~to an original status~~ along said folding line of said protecting film by said film opening and closing means, wherein said one of said plurality of mounting sheets provided on a single piece of said protecting film by said mounting supplying means and said hologram recording medium are sandwiched by said protecting film.

--24. (Currently Amended) The laminating apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising:

transferring means for transferring a piece of said hologram recording medium to said mounting sheet provided by said mounting supplying means onto a sheet of said protecting film opened along aid folding line by said film opening and closing means.

--25. - 31. (Cancelled)